



## **Princes Group Packaging Guidelines**

Our corporate vision is '*Proudly helping families to eat well without costing the earth*' and this applies as much to our packaging as to the food and drink we produce.

The primary function of the packaging we use is to ensure the safety and quality of our products for consumers, however the environmental impact is also important. Packaging is critical in protecting products and reducing food waste, but it must not come at an unaffordable cost to our planet.

The key principles for our packaging are to **Reduce, Remove, Recycle More** and **Responsibly Source**.

All our product packaging should be widely recyclable, use the minimum materials necessary, be sustainably sourced and include recycled content where possible, whilst maintaining durability for supply chain movements and help families reduce food waste in the home.

Our business and colleagues understand our circular economy responsibility to ensure that materials are reduced, reused, and working with our customers to establish reusable formats to support any appropriate closed loop initiatives. When we consider new packaging for a product, we will take the overall environmental lifecycle and supply chain impact of materials into account to make the best decision for our customers and consumers.

We will also continually horizon scan for new technology and packaging solutions and partner with packaging suppliers to develop more recyclable, renewable, and lower impact material sources.

These guidelines encompass the global manufacturing operations of the Princes Group and finished (imported) goods purchased from third party suppliers. These also apply to the operations of Edible Oils Limited, a joint venture between Princes Limited and Archer Daniels Midland Ltd.

1. All our consumer packaging, including plastics, should be widely recyclable, reusable, or compostable.
  - a. In our core European markets this will be achieved by 2025 for branded and own brand products.
2. Card and paper materials used in our consumer packaging should be FSC or PEFC certified across our Group (2025 absolute deadline).
3. The maximum possible recycled content of all materials should be sought at all times and must exclude difficult to recycle materials.
  - a. For plastic consumer packaging we will use a minimum of 40% average recycled content for all plastic we use in the Group by 2025.
  - b. We do not permit the use of PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride) or EPS (Expanded Polystyrene) in any packaging we place onto any market.
  - c. We do not permit the use of black plastic.
4. The use of rigid mixed materials in our consumer products should be avoided where possible to ease consumer recycling.
5. We will label our products accordingly in each market so the recyclability of the packaging is clear to our consumers.
  - Specifically, in the UK, we have adopted the OPRL labelling standard and are committed to ensuring all products are compliant by 2023.
6. Canned food requires a lacquer coating to ensure the integrity of the food and consumer safety. The use of Bisphenol-A (BpA) and Bisphenol-A Non Intent (BpANI) are permitted as food contact materials, and we will always follow the advice of regulatory authorities on their use. We will always adhere to any country specific legislation or customer specific requirement for BpA.
7. Packaging light weighting is an on-going process, and we will continually seek to use less material and fewer material layers in all our packaging.
8. All packaging is designed and developed with an understanding and appreciation of the prevailing legislation, subsequent collection systems and recycling processes.

We will communicate our position on packaging to our supply chain stakeholders and encourage global suppliers to take action in line with these guidelines and our principles as stated above.